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SUBJECT: LAMPHUN DEMONSTRATION DISPERSES

1. LAMPHUN RALLY ENDED LATE EVENING AUG 21 AFTER MINISTER
OF INTERIOR BUNTHAENG AGREED AS REP OF GOVT TO SOME OF
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PROTESTERS SEVEN DEMANDS. BUNTHAENG ARRIVED LAMPHUN LATER THAN EXPECTED (HE WAS NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH DEMONSTRATION REPS AT HOTEL IN CHIANG MAI), AND CROWD GREW RESTLESS AND BURNED EFFIGY OF KHUKRIT DURING INTERIM BEFORE HIS APPEARANCE. WHEN BUNTHAENG FINALLY ARRIVED LAMPHUN, HE MADE SHORT STATEMENT THAT GOVT HAD AGREED TO FOLLOWING: (1) INVESTIGATE TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST NSCT SYG KRIANGKAMON LAOHAPHAIROT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 116 CRIMINAL CODE (INCITING INJUSTICE); (2) SET UP COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ACTING DG PROSECUTION DEPT ARUN ISSARAPAKDI; (3) OFFICIALLY REGISTER ALL CENTERS AND FEDERATIONS; (4) NOT PUNISH POLICE FOR DEMONSTRATION PARTICIPATION; (5) PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE BY POLITICAL OFFICIALS IN WORK OF CIVIL SERVANTS; AND (16) NOT ALLOW MASS ACTION TO INTERFERE WITH LAW EVER AGAIN. SEVENTH DEMAND OF PROTESTERS WAS THAT KHUKRIT APPEAR LAMPHUN, BUT BUNTHAENG WAS ACCEPTED WHEN HE SAID HE APPEARING ON BEHALF OF GOVT.

2. NUMBER OF ATTENDEES IS HARD TO ESTIMATE, BUT TOWN WAS VIRTUALLY PACKED AND CONSULATE FSL, WHO HAD DIFFICULTY EVEN GETTING CLOSE TO SALA KLANG, THINKS THERE WERE ABOUT 20,000 GATHERED. AFTER BULK OF CROWD DISPERSED, SOME 500, MOSTLY POLICEMEN, STAYED ON SAYING GOVT HAD NOT REALLY MET DEMANDS BUT AGREED ONLY TO INVESTIGATE. HEAVY RAINS AND PERSONAL PERSUASION POLICE OFFICIALS CONVINCED THEM EVENTUALLY TO DEPART, HOWEVER, AND LAMPHUN ON AUG 22 IS QUIET.

3. PROMINENT LAWYER IN LAMPHUN TOLD CONSULATE FSL THIS MORNING, THAT POLICE PLAN TO ARREST FOUR MORE FARMERS IN CONNECTION WITH MAE WAS MINE INCIDENT. LAWYER SAID ORIGINAL WARRANT WAS FOR 13, ONLY NINE WERE ARRESTED, AND NOW POLICE WILL GO AFTER OTHER FOUR. CONSULATE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THIS REPORT.
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